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SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON LAINO

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS GIVEN AT 7/11/78 NOON BRIEFING:

BEGIN TEXT. MR. DOMINGO LAINO, A LEADER OF THE PARAGUAYAN
OPPOSITION, WAS DETAINED LAST FRIDAY UNDER STRANGE CIR-
CUMSTANCES THE DAY FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM THE US WHERE
HE MET WITH A NUMBER OF PEOPLE INCLUDING SEVERAL DEPARTMENT
OF STATE OFFICIALS. THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IS THAT THE MAN
ARRESTED WITH HIM (DE VARGAS) HAS BEEN RELEASED.MR. LAINO,
SO FAR AS WE KNOW, IS BEING HELD WITHOUT CHARGE. WE UNDER-
STAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROMISED THAT MRS. LAINO CAN
VISIT HER HUSBAND. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT YET HAVE WORD AS TO
HIS HEALTH AND ARE CONCERNED THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN MIS-
TREATED.

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WE VIEW THE INCIDENT AS PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE AS IT
MARKS A BREAK IN THE GENERALLY IMPROVING PATTERN OF HUMAN
RIGHTS IN PARAGUAY. THE MANNER OF HIS ARREST WAS PARTICU-
LARLY DISTURBING SINCE IT APPEARED TO BE A KIDNAPPING ABOUT
WHICH GOVERNMENT SOURCES FIRST DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE. THE
FACT THAT HE WAS ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER RETURNING FROM
THE US WHERE HE CRITICIZED THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT

SUGGESTS THAT HIS STATEMENTS HERE WERE THE CAUSE OF HIS
ARREST.

IMMEDIATELY ON LEARNING OF LAINO'S DISAPPEARANCE, OUR
AMBASSADOR, ROBERT WHITE, EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN IN URGENT
TERMS. HE IS MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH PARAGUAYAN
OFFICIALS.

WE CONTINUE TO BE DEEPLY CONCERNED AND HOPE FOR A RESOLU-
TION OF THIS MATTER IN KEEPING WITH WHAT HAD BEEN AN
IMPROVING RECORD IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA. END TEXT.

NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AFTER THE STATEMENT WAS READ.

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